



4th Grade Student Essay Competition

Playing IN Indiana!

Indiana is a great place to play. Write an essay about Playing IN Indiana and you could be honored at a Statehood Day celebration!

The **Indiana Center for the Book** is hosting an essay competition to commemorate Indiana's 207th Statehood Day! This year's theme is *Playing IN Indiana*. Winners of the essay contest will be honored on Friday, December 8, 2023 at the Indiana State Museum and on Monday, December 11, 2023 (Statehood Day) at the Indiana Statehouse. Questions? Email icb@library.in.gov.

Four winners will be selected. EACH WINNER will receive a CollegeChoice 529 Deposit of \$529.00 made possible by the Indiana Education Savings Authority!

Entry forms are available here:

<http://www.in.gov/library/statehood.htm>

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Any Indiana school is welcome to attend statehood day celebrations, regardless of whether or not they participate in the contest or have a winner. Registration is required to attend events. Contact the Statehouse or the State Museum for details.

— ESSAY CONTEST RULES AND DEADLINES —

The competition is open to any Indiana 4th grade public, private, or homeschooled student, in the 2023-2024 school year. A panel of judges from the Statehouse, State Museum, State Library, and the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center will choose 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners. Winners must submit a permission release form and are required to submit a video of themselves reading their essay.

Essays must range from 100 to 300 words, handwritten or typed.

Essays must be submitted with an entry form. Individual entries should use the **2023 Individual Entry form**. Class sets should use the **2023 Group Entry Form**. In addition, the following information should be included on each essay for class sets: student name, teacher name, and school name.

Essays should be well organized and reflective of the theme: *Playing IN Indiana*. Judges are looking forward to seeing your students' interpretation of the theme. Play can encompass Indiana sports, recreation in Indiana's parks, playing music, visiting amusement parks and so much more. We hope this theme builds awareness and appreciation for the Hoosier state. This contest supports the following Indiana Educational Standards: **4.W.3., 4.W.4, 4.W.6., 4.W.7.**

Entries may be mailed OR emailed.

Mail your entries to: Indiana Center for the Book
Indiana State Library
140 N. Senate Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46204

OR Email your entries as an attachment to icb@library.in.gov.

Mailed essays must be postmarked by **Friday, October 27, 2023.**

Emailed entries must be received by **Friday, October 27, 2023.**

Winners will be invited to read their essays at Statehood Day events at either the Statehouse or the State Museum!



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